

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

Tuesday, August 21, 2012
Central Area Senior Center
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Members Present – Kameka Brown, Chair, Cynthia Andrews, Michael Lusk,

Guest: George Dicks (Former MCAAE member)

Members Excused – Carolyn Johnson Davis

Staff – Karen Winston

I. Governance

ADS Update – Michael discussed the ADS request to review the African American Elders Program (AAEP). He met with ADS staff on August 6 to discuss the request. At the meeting, Michael was able to review AAEP program data regarding the participants and service trends. ADS would like the MCAAE to assist with evaluating the needs of the population and make recommendations on what model can best support it. ADS staff were invited to participate in the September meeting to share information about the current model, clients served and population demographics. Margaret Boddie, AAEP Manager, will also be invited to present information about the AAEP. Members expressed a desire to have a closer connection to the AAEP.

By-laws Update – Michael reported the by-laws are completed and will be presented to members at the September meeting. He added that the Bylaws were revised to indicate “twelve” is the maximum number of seats on the Council. A “full complement” was not defined by number of members; instead, by a group of individuals that can effectively and efficiently serve our target population.

Membership Recruitment – Kameka and Michael reported they have conducted several meet and greets with individuals, in an effort to repair public sentiment regarding the past process. The following individuals are interested in being appointed to the MCAAE. (Susan Millender, Mattie Taplin, Brittany Blue and Helen Sawyer) The goal is to have a full complement by the end of the year. Kimberly Walker has agreed to participate on the Education Committee, and Anthony Shoecraft (former member) has agreed to participate on the Legislative Committee. Michael will be reaching out to several more candidates recommended by Dannette Smith, HSD Director. An invitation was also extended to George Dicks (former MCAAE member and Chair) to join a Sub-committee. He declined the invitation due to other commitments.

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- Michael would like the prospective members to participate in the September meeting.
- Kameka has follow-up meetings scheduled with Dannette Smith, Jesse Eller, King County Councilman Larry Gossett, and Frances Carr.
- Karen mentioned that she and Jesse had a meeting with Candice Inagi and Leno Rose-Avila on August 16, regarding recruitment for the council.
- Kameka and Michael are working on an exit interview questionnaire that will go to former members.
- Kameka requested a gentle reminder be sent to Carolyn regarding the bylaws and her absences.
- Cynthia would like to be considered for another two year term.

II. Advocate

Legislative Forum Debrief – Members briefly discussed the August 2 Legislative Forum. Everyone thought it was a good event, it was well attended, very interactive, the seniors asked good questions, and the moderator (Dawn Mason) did a great job.

III. Educate

MCAAE website – Kameka reported that she has been in communication with the Seattle Department of Information Technology (DoIT) staff regarding revamping the MCAAE website. Her goal is to create a website that is about more than the just membership. She would like the website to be more interactive with more links to the ADS website and other community resources.

Education & Outreach Committee – The committee will be working with AAEP to create an event to increase awareness of AAEP program services. A council member identified the Central Area Senior Center as a potential partner for the event.

IV. Sponsor

501c3 Application – Kameka is working on the application to the state for nonprofit status. Once it is in place the MCAAE will be able to apply for grants.

MCAAE Bank Account – The current balance as of July 30, 2012 is \$40.55. The balance continues to dwindle due to the monthly fees accessed. It has been almost a year since Gwendolyn has been working on an agreement with Bank of American to waiver the fees – pre and post-term. Since Gwendolyn's term has expired, the latest requirement is a notarized letter stating her departure, including a copy of her photo ID. After that, the signature card can be updated or the account can be closed and transferred.

CASC Community Advocate Award – Kameka thanked Cynthia for the 2012 Community Advocate Award presented on August 3, at the 4th Annual Seafair Luncheon.

League of Women Voters – Kameka has met with the Community Director at the LWV. The group is interested in partnering with the MCAAE. Kameka is also looking into using excess Mother's Day Baskets, created by the Junior League, for caregivers and seniors at the Central.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.